

# BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

## INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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<b>GENERAL</b>	HISTORIC NAME: Van Koert-Winters House COMMON NAME: LOCATION: 615 Franklin Avenue (Block 2400, Lot 3) MUNICIPALITY: Franklin Lakes OWNERSHIP: <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private OWNER/ADDRESS: Bernard A. Schwartz (same)	<b>REFERENCE</b>	MAP REFERENCES: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erskine (1778-80) Arie Van Koert <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hopkins-Corey (1861) D.C. Winters <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walker's Atlas (1876) Abm. P. Winters <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bromley (1912) J. Yeomans <input type="checkbox"/> Other RECOGNITION: <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> BCHS Marker <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HABS 1-1966 <input type="checkbox"/> Bailey <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>	HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 12° W IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES: Large frame gable-roofed Victorian barn SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Other COMMENTS:	<b>USE</b>	ORIGINAL: Residence PRESENT: Residence
		<b>THREATS</b>	THREATS TO STRUCTURE: <input type="checkbox"/> Roads <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Threat COMMENTS:

<b>CONDITION</b>	CONDITION: <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated STATUS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Work in Progress ACCESSIBLE: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	A second story and ground floor rooms have been added, but without any particular detriment.
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<b>PHOTO</b>		<b>MAP</b>	USGS QUAD: Ramsey 
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**DESCRIPTION**

**CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:**

Probably pre-Revolutionary/  
Erskine map; architectural evidence  
West addition c. 1820

**BUILDER:**

Probably Van Koert

**FORM, PLAN TYPE:**

"E", 3 bay, 1 room deep (30'0" x 20'0")  
West addition frame.

**FRAMING SYSTEM:**

- Intermediate Summer Beam
- Intermediate Bearing Wall
- Clear Span
- Other

**EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:**

Irregular sandstone blocks and rubble

**FENESTRATION:**

6/6 32" x 42", no lintels

**ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:**

Easternmost bay of frame addition.  
Has transom and sidelights.

Interior not inspected

**NUMBER OF STORIES: 2-1/2**

- CELLAR:**  Yes  
 No

**CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:**

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

**FLOOR JOISTS:**

**FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:**

**FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:**

**GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:**

**GARRET:**

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space Second Story

**ROOF:**

- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

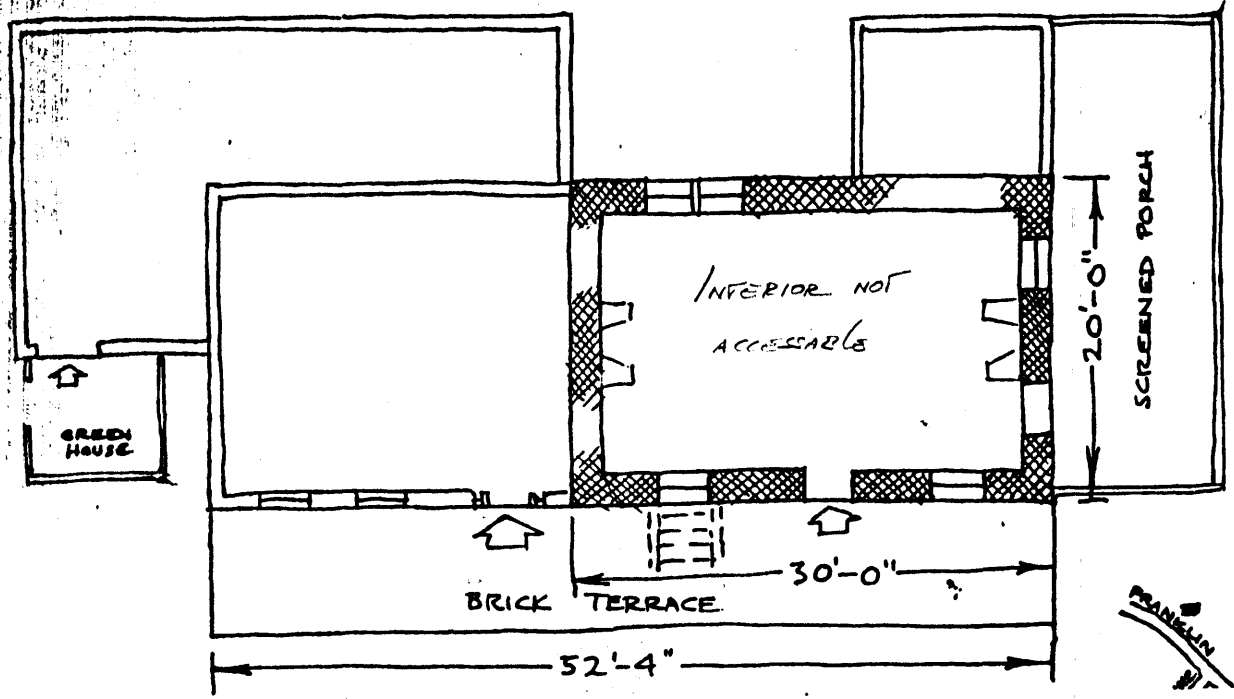
**EAVE TREATMENT:**

- Sweeping Overhang
- Supported Overhang
- No Overhang
- Boxed Gutter
- Other

This house, while having been altered through the years, still retains a sufficient amount of its original fabric that it should be recognized and retained. We are therefore including it for its architectural significance, for its association with the exploration and settlement of the Bergen County area, and for its remaining historic fabric. As such, it is included in the Thematic Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Early Stone Houses of Bergen County, New Jersey.

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FLOOR PLANS 43



We know that as early as 1861, Daniel C. Winters owned the house which is now the residence of the Schwartz family.

It is believed that the stone half was built in the Revolutionary period. The frame upper story is believed to have been added after the Civil War. The type of nails, wood and molding used in the construction of the building confirm this.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schwartz, present owners, have done meticulously accurate work in restoring the old home to its early American charm and flavor. The ceilings were removed and the beams were scraped of their numerous coats of paint. The worn out flooring was replaced with old wide pine flooring.

Many of the beautiful antiques would be the envy of museums. The dining room furniture was discovered by Mrs. Schwartz's mother in Canada. The fine wood was hidden by many coats of paint. A Hackensack cupboard holds the Hi-Fi set. Another outstanding piece of furniture is a three legged cricket table. The Bergen County ladder back chairs have elongated, rather than round, finials.

In the hall hangs a framed map of Franklin Township as it was in 1861. This is one of the very few now in existence, and shows the many families whose names are still carried by residents of this area.

(The above is quoted from Maria Braun's Franklin Lakes: Its History and Heritage.)

[This is probably an early Coerter house. - CKT)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 2408, Lot 2 - Franklin Lakes Tax Map

23.65 acres

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